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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, and in accordance with the telephone interview courteously granted on January 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.